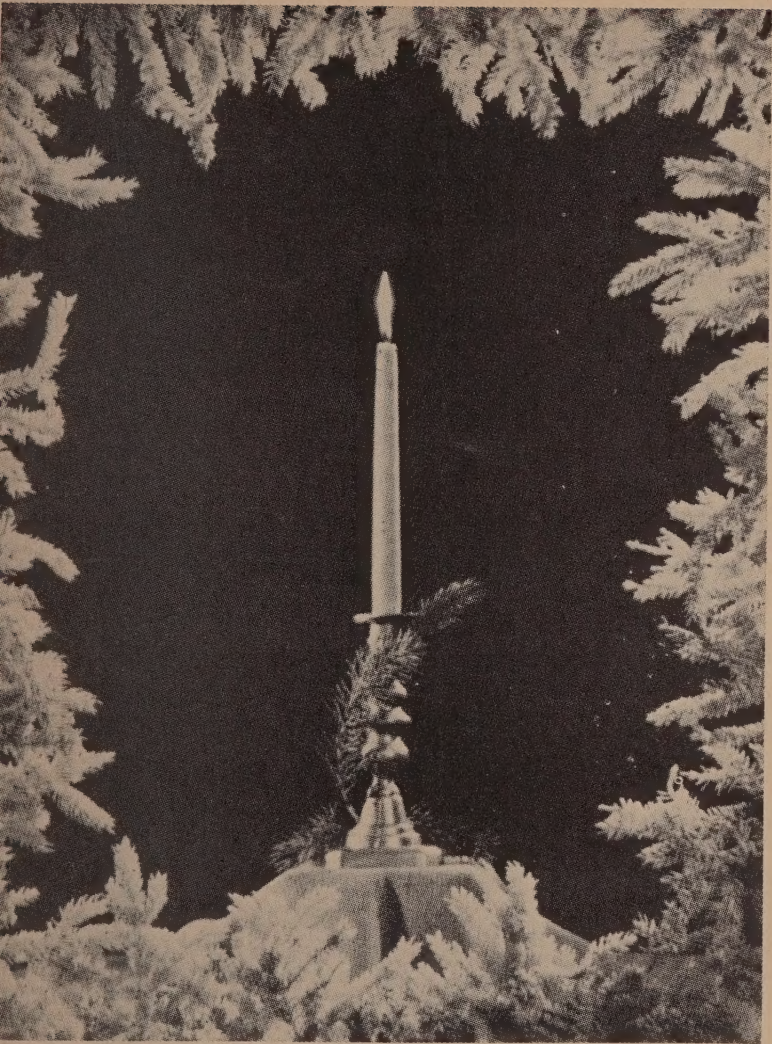
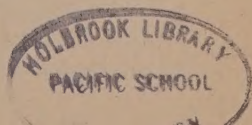




First Sunday In Advent — November 27, 1960

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In Memory

Rev. William E. Baldwin died Saturday, October 29 in Wichita at a convalescent home where he had received care since October 9. Prior to his late illness he lived with his son James Baldwin at 430 N Burns, Valley Center, Kansas. Dr. W. A. Young, interim minister at Wichita Plymouth conducted graveside services at the Wichita Park cemetery on November 1st.

Mr. Baldwin was born in 1881 in Liverpool, England. He came to the United States in 1911 and was ordained to the Congregational ministry in 1915. He served pastorates in Iowa, South Dakota and Oklahoma before coming to Kansas in 1939 where he served 9 years at Seabrook Church in Topeka followed by a pastorate at Plevna.

Following retirement in 1950, the Baldwins lived in Wichita where they were affiliated with Plymouth Congregational Church. Prior to Mrs. Baldwin's death, June 5, 1959 she wrote the following poem which voices well the faith of the Baldwins.

"This Great World's heart is breaking,
Breaking in the night,
And God alone can heal it, and
God alone give light.
And the ones to bear the message
and to

Speak the living word, are you and I
My brethren and the millions that have
heard.

We grovel among trifles, Whilst our
spirits fret and toss.

And above us, burns the Vision, of
A Christ upon the Cross, and the
Blood of Christ is streaming, from
His riven hands and side, And
The voice of God is pleading
Tell my brothers I have died."

Happy New Year!

This is the last number of your 1960 subscription. Congregational Kansas runs by the calendar year, starting in January. Single subscriptions cost one dollar. If one-fifth of your total membership subscribes, the cost is fifty cents per year. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR NEW LIST BY DECEMBER FIRST.** November is the month for your campaign for renewals and new subscribers. Good luck!

The Conference Office will be closed December 23 and 26, and January 2.

These Have Voted

In favor of the Constitution of the United Church of Christ: Great Bend, Osborne, Lenora, Leavenworth, Prairie Village, Kansas City Ruby, White-water, Maple Hill, Kiowa, Kansas City Rosedale.

Against the Constitution of the United Church: Wichita Plymouth and Olive Hill.

Help For New Salina Church

Offerings have been received at the Conference Office from Downs, Emporia First, Gaylord, K.C. 1st Pilgrim, K.C. Ruby, Lenora, Osborne, Seneca, Wichita Concord, Fairmount, Mayflower and Pilgrim.

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"ADVENT AGAIN?"

Warren Matthews

Harry Golden has an article called "Life in the American Middle Class" in his book "For 2¢ Plain." The leaders of the Bonds for Israel campaign discover that there is no appropriate season for raising funds. Summer is vacation season and winter starts the migration to Miami. The fall is bad, for that gets into the Jewish retailer's Christmas season, which is any time after Labor Day.

People sometimes feel that way about the Church Year. There is always a special session. They get weary of Lent or Advent, though they give these seasons less thought than do the Jewish merchants.

Advent is not out of date, but our observance of it is stale. After we have said that **Advent** is derived from the latin **Advenio** which means **To Come To** and are reminded that the Jews expected a Messiah, we are stranded. To hide our uncertainty we conclude with the exhortation to let Christ be born anew in our hearts and retreat to mailing those sentimental Christmas cards. Is there any other way to approach advent?

Taylor Caldwell in her novel "Dear and Glorious Physician," introduces us to the ideas of the Romans, Greeks, and Jews who lived around the Mediterranean Sea in the time of Jesus. To most of those people, the coming of the Saviour was not strongly attached to a picture of birth in a Bethlehem stable. The coming of the Saviour was connected with an image of zealous Christian men and women fearlessly proclaiming through their words and actions the good news of what God is doing for man.

The advent of Christ was intensely personal. Men and women were no longer objects for giving wealth or pleasure to others. Life was more than escape into drunkenness, adultery, games, and secret societies. Christ had come to demonstrate clearly God's love for each individual. The advent was marked by transformed individuals, powerful in their service to God.

The advent of Christ was dynamically social. The individuals who received Him could not confine the good news to themselves or their church. They insisted that their friends know about the event. They sent representatives to other communities that Christ might come there. In spite of the open hostility to their work, in spite of the competition they faced, they sacrificed so that the Saviour could come to every person that the whole world know the life introduced by Jesus the Christ.

Advent again? If non-Christian retailers can consider it from Labor Day until December 25, perhaps church members can endure one month of the season. We may be able to tolerate the stale messages and antique pictures if we have clear motion pictures in our minds of what the coming of Christ means today. Our film should include scenes of individuals living by the life and teachings of Jesus, churches buzzing with the good news, and ambassadors of Christ contributing to the maturing of young nations. Christ comes in these ways to our modern world. May every season be advent.



The DaMetz Family

Called To Udall

For more than two years Mr. Max DaMetz of Towanda has been searching for ways in which he could devote his life to full-time Christian service. He has been most interested in service as a missionary overseas, but has been faced with the problem of further education and specialized training. Late this summer he and Mrs. DaMetz decided to sell their small farm and take steps toward further education and in-service training.

In October they received a call to our church at Udall. Mr. DaMetz gave up his job as an electrician at Skelly Refinery in El Dorado and the family moved to the Udall parsonage.

There are three DaMetz children: Terri Ann—13, Max—11 and Anita Jane—10.

In addition to serving the church, Mr. DaMetz plans to take work at Southwestern College at Winfield. We wish them well in this venture of faith.

Important Dates

November 13: Wichita Concord Church Dedication—3:00 P.M.

November 14-17: Christian Education Workshop—Russell

November 27: First Sunday in Advent

December 4: Meeting Kansas Laymen's Fellowship—Executive Committee—State Parsonage, Topeka, 12:30

January 10: Conference books for 1960 close

January 17: Family Life Committee Meeting—Conference Office

January 24-February 1: Mid-Winter Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Penn.

January 29-February 5: Youth Week

January 29: Kansas Centennial Sunday

February 20-22: Washburn Ministers' Convocation - Topeka

April 2: Easter Sunday

April 7-14: Teaching-Reaching-Preaching Mission in Wichita Area

April 21-28: T.R.P.M. in Great Bend Area

April 21-28: T.R.P.M. in Junction City Area

April 28, 29 & 30: State Conference Annual Meeting

May 5-12: T.R.P.M. in Topeka Area

May 5-12: T.R.P.M. in Kansas City Area

May 19-26: T.R.P.M. in St. Joe, Mo. Area

May 28-June 3: Junior Hi Camp

June 4-10: Senior Camp

June 11-17: Middler Camp

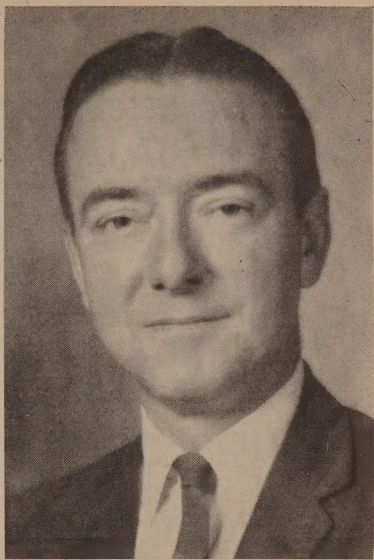
June 18-24: Junior Hi Camp

June 29-July 3: General Council at Philadelphia

July 3-7: General Synod at Philadelphia



Rev. and Mrs. Paul Biays



Dr. Walter G. Couch, Jr.

On October 16 Paul and Charlotte Biays who grace the Congregational parsonage at Downs, Kansas, were honored with a dinner and shower at the church. Some 75 members and friends enjoyed the occasion. Mr. Biays who began serving the church as a student supply early in 1960 was married this summer and is now serving as a resident minister.

Kroenlein Installation

November 28 has been set as the date for the installation of the Rev. Carl Kroenlein as Minister of the Lenora Congregational Church. At 4:30 in the afternoon Mr. Kroenlein will present a paper on his background, experience and beliefs. The host church will serve a courtesy supper followed by the formal service at 7:30 P.M. Dr. L. M. Rymph will give the sermon on "The Parish Minister".

Wichita Plymouth Calls Minister

The Rev. Dr. Walter G. Couch, Jr., for the past ten years minister of the First Congregational Church at Florence, Mass., has accepted a call to Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita and will begin leadership there January first.

Dr. Couch is a graduate of Trinity College and Hartford Theological Seminary. He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from Calvin Coolidge College in Boston in 1955.

Mrs. Couch has had special training in the field of Religious Education and has been active in Church School and Youth Work. There are two daughters, Nancy - 14 and Cynthia - 9.

New Church Calls Minister

The Rolling Hills Congregational Church founded recently at Salina has called the Rev. Robert M. Rymph of Kansas City to become its first minis-

ter. The Rymphs will begin leadership in the new field the first of January.

For the past four and one half years, Mr. Rymph has been minister of the Ruby Avenue Congregational Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Under his leadership the church program has shown progress in all areas, the church plant has undergone many improvements including central air-conditioning. Three young men have made commitment to the Christian Ministry as their life work and have been taken "In Care" of Eastern Association. In addition to serving the church he studied at Central Baptist Seminary where he earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree in May. He was ordained to the Congregational ministry in July.

Since September services at Salina have been held each Sunday at the parsonage purchased by the Kansas Conference late this summer. Mr. Guy T. Gebhardt of Wichita has been giving week-end leadership as Counselor and Visitor. The Rev. Ed Mehlhaff, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee and the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman of the Conference Extension Committee, have helped greatly in getting the church started. The conference has taken an option on a church site a few blocks south of the parsonage in the Rolling Hills addition. The Board of Home Missions has accepted partnership in the project and will share with the conference in subsidizing the operating budget beginning January first. Churches and individuals across the state have responded with special gifts in answer to an appeal made by the Conference Extension Committee.

In accepting the call Mr. Rymph wrote: "The enthusiastic commitment

expressed by the local families we met was of primary importance to us in making our decision. In this great adventure we believe that laboring together we can make this church grow in numbers and in service to the community and to God. To this end we are willing to dedicate our lives to His service through the Rolling Hills Congregational Church in the years ahead."

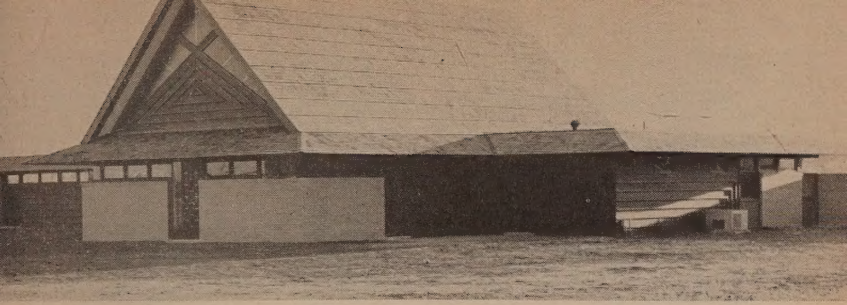
The Rymphs—Bob and Gerry - have two sons, Stevens - 11 years of age and David - 7. They will move into the parsonage at 2045 Ruskin Road soon after Christmas.

Brewsters To New Hampshire

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brewster have resigned at Yankton and are presently living with a 92 year old aunt in Portsmouth, N. H. The Brewsters recently became grandparents when their daughter Deborah, Mrs. Michael L. Miller of Baltimore, gave birth to a baby daughter on October 12. Her husband is a Presbyterian Minister. Their son John graduated from Yale last spring and is now employed by General Electric. Brewsters served our Manhattan Church from 1941 to 1952 when they moved to Yankton, S.D.

A Trip To Puerto Rico

A Study Tour of Puerto Rico, its churches, schools, urban and rural institutions, industrial, social and political institutions will begin January 3 from New York and return January 14, 1961, under the direction of The Board of Home Missions. Total cost, including one day tour to Virgin Islands, is \$250.00. For further particulars write to Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, 287 Park Avenue South, New York 10, N.Y.



Wichita Concord Dedicates

A Service of Dedication was held Sunday afternoon, November 13, 1960 for the new building of Concord Congregational Church. The Rev. Stanley U. North, General Secretary of the Division of Church Extension and Evangelism, preached on the topic, "A Dynamic Christian Faith." The dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. L. M. Rymph. Ministers of the Southern Association marched in the processional.

Concord held its first worship service in the new building October 9. At month's end, work remained to be done for completion of the parking lot and grading the yard.

Located on a five-acre site bounded on three sides by streets, Concord is reachable particularly from the newly-paved Ridge Road, a county road running north from highway U.S. 54 to the town of Sedgwick.

The new building is a first unit of three in the projected master development. It consists of 4,650 square feet of space all on ground level. The main room is now multi-purpose, serving as both nave and social hall. Finally, it will be the social hall only. Alongside this hall at the north runs a

flat-topped wing consisting of pastor's study, church office, work-room and kitchen. At an "L" with the hall runs a wing consisting of narthex and three classrooms, separated from utility rooms by a corridor. The roof of the hall is peaked, supported by five wooden trusses and covered on the exterior with wooden shingles. Surrounding the entire building is a wide, shingled overhang. Interior finish of the temporary sanctuary is mainly pecan. Windows are a mixture of amber with green and brown accent panes and clear glass. Floors are covered with light vinyl asbestos tile.

Exterior finish is tan brick and redwood. Brick is brought inside for some walls of the sanctuary, narthex and pastor's study. A striking motif of triangles and semi-diamonds is carried throughout both interior and exterior design.

Concord people feel they have a very beautiful building, as well as a building which affords a practical distribution of space. The church is equipped with a new Allen organ, new Pilgrim Hymnals and RSV Pulpit Bible. A brass diagonally-turned altar cross and two brass candle holders are mounted on the angular wooden Communion table placed against the rear chancel wall.

"Remembrance And Renewal"

Mrs. John W. Gibson

"Remembrance and Renewal" chosen for the theme celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding in 1810 of the American Board took its celebrants back to Farmington, Connecticut and brought them up to date in renewing the promise of long ago, "We can do it, if we will," when at the October 1960 Farmington meeting, the Africa Opportunity Fund was launched.

A dramatic presentation the "Ceremony of the Table" using the original table in the Reverend Mr. Noah Porters' house, re-enacted the ceremony attending the Board's founding.

Later a commemorative plaque was unveiled at the Porter House in Farmington.

The grave of Samuel J. Mills, leader of America's first foreign missionaries, present at the Haystack Prayer Meeting of 1806, was visited by the American Board delegation who had been brought to Torrington, Connecticut by bus and car for the occasion.

Supremely beautiful was the foliage of tree and bush as we journeyed further into Connecticut to a hillside in Cornwall where in an exceedingly moving ceremony, both in Hawaiian and in English, the Reverend Dr. Abraham K. Akaka, Minister of the Kawaihoa Congregational Church in Honolulu conducted memorial rites for Henry Opukahaia, who died shortly after the American Board was founded.

A native of Hawaii, Opukahaia had come to America and prepared himself to be a missionary to his people, but died before he was able to serve.

As the Reverend Mr. Akaka sang and spoke in both languages, present American Board missionaries from the

far corners of the earth, laid the gorgeous flowers air-mailed from Hawaii on the grave of Opukahaia.

Mr. Akaka, deeply moved, attributed the whole Christian movement in Hawaii to the early efforts of the American Board, symbolized by decorating the grave of Opukahaia.

Forerunner of our modern ecumenical movement was the first foreign missionary school, also in Cornwall, now marked by a memorial slab. Students of all races were admitted, but being too drastic in its implications for the period, the school closed after a few years.

Renewal of the cry, "We Can Do It, If We Will", was again demonstrated when the American Board voted to set up a special Africa Opportunity Fund to help raise \$10,000,000. from Protestant churches. Baptists, Lutherans, the Disciples of Christ and the Methodist churches will cooperate. Foundations and individuals will be asked to give.

We hope "to help African churches find their way through the dangerous opportunity of their times", Dr. Alfred Carleton, Executive Vice President of the American Board reported. In service training of ministers, secondary school expansion, emergency medical service, relief, including food, clothing and shelter, will be provided.

"Remembrance and Renewal"

Others In Attendance

Mr. Orval Reeves, KC Welborn recently re-elected as a member of the Prudential Committee for a second term, attended the meetings. Also present were the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones of Chicago and Mrs. Charles Brewster, formerly of Manhattan. The Robert Deweys who are studying at Hartford for several months before going to Ghana, attended also.



Dr. Gerald J. Jud

Ministers' Convocation

Highlighting the 35th Annual Washburn Ministers' Convocation to be held February 20, 21 and 22 will be the Rev. Dr. Gerald J. Jud, Secretary of Evangelism for the United Church of Christ.

Reared in the tradition of the Evangelical Synod of North America, educated as a Presbyterian Minister, and serving as a Congregational Minister since 1946, Dr. Jud has been a strong proponent of the United Church of Christ. He holds a B.D. degree from McCormick Seminary and a Ph.D. from Yale University.

Dr. Jud serves on the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches and has had extensive and intensive experience in the field of Evangelism. He is author of "Strengthening the Bonds" published by the C. C. Commission on Evangelism in

1954, and a contributor to "Spiritual Renewal Through Personal Groups" published in 1957.

Washburn's guest will be Dr. Phil Jacobs, author of "Challenging Values In Higher Education" and speaker for the government and the Danforth foundation. He will also share in the Ministers' program.

As usual some 25 out-of-town ministers will be housed at the state parsonage where fellowship is featured. Further details will be announced by the Rev. Marvin Ediger, Program Chairman, in the January magazine. Save the dates - February 20, 21, 22.

The Christian Ministry

A very impressive service conducted by the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney at Eastern Association meeting, recognized Richard Epps, Hamlin Miller and Michael Stevens - all members of Topeka Central - as taken "In Care of the Association." This is the first step in preparation for full-time Christian service.

Larry Booth serving our Stanley Church and Ross Shinn of Muscotah were granted licenses with full power.

The Rev. Wm. Lipe, ordained Baptist Minister, now serving Tnoganoxie was granted transfer to the Eastern Association.

Anniversaries

According to the Congregational Historical Society the following churches will celebrate 75th Anniversaries in 1961: Almena, Ford, Kiowa, Lincoln and Plevna.

Sea Breeze!

From LaGuna Beach in California, Fred and Lucy Smith send greetings which include these contended words: "We declare that tho owning next to nothing, we possess next to everything."

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

Friendly Services

Since this is the last time I shall be writing you as your State Chairman of Friendly Service, I want to thank all of you for the wonderful Friendly Service that you have rendered your chairman in the past two years - at Retreat, Workshops and Special Programs, as well as your cooperation and your accomplishments in the line of Friendly Service.

The quotas were out early this year and to those of you who object to the word "quota" let me say that if you replace it with words and thoughts of love of your fellowman, love of Christ and Christianity, the word will put a song in your heart.

Recent events at the United Nations speak for themselves as to the necessity for continuing our personal interest and help to people in our own country and around the world. Friendly Service participation will be one way that you can personally do something to aid in bringing peace out of chaos. As Christians, we have long stressed the independent rights and the dignity of man. Now is the time for us to witness to the world that we really mean what we say. Now, as always, our actions will speak far louder than our words!

The thought has often occurred to me of how very hard we have worked in times of war - what great sacrifices we have made and how willingly we have done it, yet many of us object to working half so diligently for peace even though it is so much more con-

structive work. We all pray constantly for peace, as we should, but let us also remember that on earth God has no other hearts, minds and hands to do His work than ours, so as we ask, let us do.

As we approach the Christmas season and celebrate the day of Christ's birth, let us remember that as He came to manhood and thru His short life He showed us the way - He taught His Father's word - He fed - He healed - He gave His life in the cause of Christianity. Need more be said?

May God bless you and keep you as you try to follow His wonderful example in the years ahead, remembering—

"Not what we take, but as we give;
Not as we pray, but as we live -
These are the things that make for peace,

Both now and after time shall cease."

Ruth M. Mills (Mrs. G. E.)
State Chairman -
Friendly Service

Mrs. Graves Ill

Mrs. Roscoe Graves, President of Kansas Women's Fellowship, is home after three weeks of hospitalization, when she suffered a heart attack on September 28. A report from Mr. Graves this week indicates that she is much improved but will need to limit her activities for some time. She was greatly missed at Association Meeting, Mid-West Regional at Des Moines and other gatherings, but we hope she will follow her doctors' orders until she is completely recovered.

This Box I Hold

This box I hold is part of me,
Last fall one day my spirit soared
As a letter read from a child away
Told of growth of spirit both mature
and wise.

I thanked God—in love and gratitude
And placed my coin inside.

This box I hold is part of me.
A lesson imparted by some strange
truth

Heretofore escaped my heart and mind.
I thanked God for the sudden light
And placed inside this box my love
and gratitude in kind.

This box I hold is part of me.
For if it could but tell, you'd hear it
say—

"Her husband sought a way to show
his love and gratitude one day,
Counted his blessings and dropped a
coin my way."

This box I hold is part of life.
One day I saw children's faces
Show their radiant admiration
For one, of color not their own,
Who had given them a picture clear
Of other children worlds away
Whose family ties held dear,
Whose fun and play and yearning
needs matched their own.

I thanked God these children could
Catch this vision of brotherhood;
And that I could help,
Putting my share to work for good.
This box I hold is part of me.
Today my child told of a classmates
death

On a battlefield so far away.
Oh God, what could I say.
I felt the blood of guilt upon my
hands.

This world I cannot change alone
But I thank thee that I with others can
Help in the changing-give men hope.
I place my coin inside
And ask forgiveness for our blindness

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Dr. Mary Pearl Adams
Mrs. Henrietta Edwards
Mrs. Helen M. Eckstein
Mrs. Martha Marie Saunders
By Wichita Plymouth Fellowship

Mrs. George Wood
By Eureka Fellowship

Mrs. Eva B. Smith
By Stockton Ladies' Guild

Mrs. Wayne Hodges
Miss Laura Fry
Miss Kathryn McClain
By Topeka Central Fellowship

Mrs. S. G. Becraft
By Newton Fellowship

Thanking God there still is time.
This box is part of all that I hold
dear - Gifts of love,
Gifts of happiness and heartache too.
Gifts of beauty - gifts of growth,
Of family affection true.
Gifts which overflow my heart,
Gifts I want to share
To build a world where peace and truth
abide
A world of love and gratitude -
A part of me.

Back To Homeland

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan of Eureka returned the last of September from a months visit in Great Britain. Dr. Morgan was born in Wales and after visiting two brothers there, they toured England and the Wye Valley.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Jerry Adkins, President

Mary Faith Evans, Secretary



Mary Faith Evans

Homecoming Queen

Kansas P. F. Secretary, Mary Faith Evans of Topeka Central was crowned Homecoming Queen of Highland Park High School on October 29. It was a cold, rainy night and the football game was lost to Seaman High, but this did not dim the radiance of Mary Faith when she was crowned at half-time. Congratulations!

Western Caravan

P. F. Officers of Western Association braved the rain and cold on October 29 and 30 to visit local groups at Lenora, Almena and Downs. They were at Lenora for a Saturday morning meeting and were guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Carl Georgeson for a cafe lunch at noon.

At Almena in the afternoon, they met with Rev. and Mrs. Carl Hathaway and seven Senior P.F.'ers talking over P.F. plans and programs.

They spent Saturday evening at the Downs parsonage which they report as follows: "We had a leisurely and perfectly delightful evening with Paul and Charlotte Biays, with whom the kids fell in love." They had charge of the Sunday morning worship at Downs with Bob Hopkins, Western President, bringing a Reformation Sermon. The eleven Downs P.F.'ers and some of their parents served the noon meal to the Caravaners and six young people with their pastor, the Rev. A. A. Van Sickle of Osborne. Following the fellowship, the afternoon program was built around the filmstrip "We Have This Fellowship" with each commission chairman presenting program and plans.

Caravaners included—Rev. Robert Gurtler - Western Sponsor, Bob Hopkins, Nancy White, Carl Georgeson, Linda Gurtler and Betty Hiss.

"The Cellar" at Ellis

P.F.'ers at Ellis with their minister, the Rev. Robert Gurtler were given a city-wide vote of thanks for their sponsorship of a Senior Hi Fun Fest every other Saturday night. Held in the basement of the Ellis State Bank from 7:30 to 11 o'clock, the sessions have attracted more than 100 young people each week.

This church-sponsored, carefully supervised project has received community-wide acclaim.

Work Day For Christ

Receipts to November 2, 1960

Wichita Pilgrim	65.00
Towanda Jr. Hi	21.71
Emporia First	51.50
Ford	56.50
Haven	65.50
Partridge	112.25
Whitewater	163.25
Maple Hill—Jr. Hi.	20.00
Maple Hill—Sr. Hi	22.00
K.C. First Pilgrim	99.00
Prairie Village	40.00
Anthony	30.00
Almena	28.65
Mount Hope	79.63
Russell	113.00

Youth Week - 1961

January 29 - February 5

Young people are important in the life of the church. One way the church shows this is by its observance of **Youth Week**.

Why mention it so early? Because advance planning and preparation can make a big thing of Youth Week in your church and community.

Start now to encourage your church to permit its young people to be in charge of the Morning Worship on January 20. Send \$1.00 to National Council of Churches 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y., for the packet.

"Into All the World Together" is the very timely theme for 1961.

Corn Pickers

Maple Hill Junior Hi P.F. picked corn left in the fields in their community to earn money for Work Day and for their Camp Fund.

Christian Action Pledge

Has your group made its pledge for this year? If not, please send it at once to the Conference Office.

ANTHONY'S

WORK

DAY

Pam Wisegarver, Secretary of Southern Association and also her local PF writes that their group earned \$30.00 for Work Day for Christ by painting a garage. Seven young people - 4 C.C. and 3 E & R worked 3 hours.



Pam Wisegarver

Area P. F. Meetings

Once a month young people from Wichita Fairmount, Pilgrim and Plymouth, Maize, Mount Hope and Whitewater, meet together with the different groups taking responsibility for parts of the program. In October 67 met at Maize where the Rev. Bill Hickerson is Minister.

Whitewater Work Day

For the 8th consecutive year, the Whitewater PF's have sent in more than \$100.00 for Work Day for Christ. This year the amount was \$163.25 with a total of 51 Pilgrims and leaders participating. Work of all kinds is solicited thru flyers placed in every home and business house the day before. The day now has community-wide observance.

Scholarship Thanks

Letters of deep gratitude have been received from David Cutting, Duane Estes and Floyd Sibley for the \$300.00 scholarships awarded each of them by Kansas P.F. as they continue their training for the Christian Ministry. These letters were read at the Lawrence Rally.

Mid-West Regional

Every autumn the Missions Council holds a meeting of Congregationalists from nineteen mid-western states; from Montana to Oklahoma and from Michigan and Ohio to Louisiana, and all the states between. This year about 800 delegates met at Plymouth Church, Des Moines, Iowa from Monday to Thursday, October 17-20. The purpose of the gathering is to give up-to-the minute reports on all phases of the activities of our fellowship, especially the work of all our Boards. There was a rich program of forums and addresses.

Kansas was represented by Rev. and Mrs. Al Bartter, Rev. Oscar Bonny, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Brantz, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Davidson, Mrs. Esther Dwinelle, Mrs. Ada Forbes, Mrs. Leona Garrison, Mrs. Carl Georgeson, Mrs. Charles Gunn, Rev. Robert Gurtler, Rev. and Mrs. Ray Haun, Alice Huggins, Rev. Julian Johnson, Mrs. Henrietta Lockwood, Mrs. Loyce Robertson, Dr. L. M. Rymph, Rev. Merton Rymph, Rev. Robert Rymph, Rev. George Stoneback, Dr. Gladys Turner.

Next year's meeting will be at Park Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Kansas Centennial Sunday

The Kansas Centennial Religious Committee, the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman, recommends that Sunday, January 29 be declared Centennial Sunday. They urge all churches in the state to give special recognition to 100 years of Kansas statehood.

The committee suggests that churches urge local newspapers to publish special articles and feature stories reviewing the role of religion in local and state history.

It should be noted that January 29

opens "Youth Week" which is observed nationally.

Harvest Home Festival

Almena Church held its 31st Annual Harvest Home Festival on Sunday and Monday, October 23 and 24. The Sunday services of praise and gratitude closed with the film "Second Chance" shown at a 7:30 service. The Monday Bazaar and supper were held at the grade school.

Laymen of the church conducted the Morning Worship on October 16 and held their monthly meeting on the 17th with a supper and showing of the stewardship film, "From Seedtime to Harvest."

Plymouth Men

On November 2, the men of Lawrence Plymouth met for supper and then went to the Douglas County Convalescent Home for a work evening. They helped with painting, varnishing and other work.

New Schedule At Seabrook

The first Sunday in November, Seabrook Church in Topeka began duplicate services of worship at 9:30 and 11:00 each Sunday morning, with a fellowship coffee hour between crowded conditions in the Church School made double use of the facilities necessary.

Men's Luncheon

Every Friday men of our Great Bend Church meet from 12 to 1:00 - have lunch and a brief study together. They have finished the book, "What It Means To Be a Christian" by Robert Young and are now studying the "Parables of Jesus".

Choir Recognition

Newton United Church gave a recognition dinner and program honoring their choirs and directors, Mr. John D. Davidson and Mrs. W. R. Kasitz.

Christmas Fund for the VETERANS of the CROSS



"I will lift up mine eyes"

Remember Them At Christmas

For almost sixty years our churches across the land have paid tribute to retired ministers and their widows through the Christmas Fund. Last year the fund totalled \$160,000.00. From this 752 Christmas checks went out to ministers and their widows. The balance went into the Emergency Fund to help make possible needed operations, purchase of glasses and hearing aids and other needs. Be sure your church shares in The Christmas Fund this year.

Around The Associations

Beautiful Indian Summer weather prevailed throughout the Fall Association meetings. The Rev. Thomas Okuma of Portuguese West Africa made us feel close to the seething sit-

uation in disturbed Africa and made us proud to have a part in making possible a Christian witness such as his.

New Leaders

Officers elected to take office at the close of the State Conference Meeting April 28-30 at Lawrence Plymouth were:

Eastern: Mrs. Hervey Quisenberry, Tonganoxie - Moderator; Rev. O. E. Bonny, KC Rosedale - Assistant Moderator; Rev. Marvin Ediger, KC First Pilgrim - Registrar. The 1961 meeting will be held at KC First Pilgrim with the Rev. Marvin Ediger as Host Pastor.

Southern: Rev. T. Merton Rymph, Wichita Pilgrim - President; Mr. Lyle Anderson, Partridge - Vice President; Rev. A. H. Bartter, Newton - Secretary. The Association accepted the invitation to meet at Wichita Pilgrim next October with the Rev. T. Merton Rymph as Host Pastor.

Western: Rev. Robert Gurtler, Ellis - Moderator; Mr. Thane Larson, Athol - Assistant Moderator; Rev. Malcolm White, Kinsley - Registrar. Next year's meeting will be held at Garden City with the Rev. John Fitzgerald and his people.

General Synod Delegates

Each Association was asked to name one delegate and one alternate to the General Synod to be held in Philadelphia July 3-7. The following were named:

Eastern: Rev. W. Dieter Flemming - Prairie Village. Alternate - Rev. Robert M. Rymph.

Southern: Rev. A. H. Bartter - Newton; Alternate - Mrs. Genevieve Angevine - Wichita Fairmount.

Western: Mr. Carl Georgeson - Lenora. Alternate - Mrs. E. C. Garrison - Osborne.

The Charles Holbrook library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

New Audio-Visuals

**The Bible Around The World:
FSSC**

Story of how the Bible has been shared with children and families of many lands. Especially for Juniors.

And There Were Shepherds: FSSC

Fine as a Christmas Story or parts may be used as worship service.

The Procession: Movie - 30 Min.

See the church at work in this procession of people and explanation of its mission in the church of the future.

A/V's: Thanksgiving & Christmas

Let Us Give Thanks: FSSC

Mary's Pilgrim Thanksgiving: FSC

Story Of Thanksgiving: FSC

Grandfather's Boyhood Thanksgiving:

Why We Have Thanksgiving: FSC

Christmas Around The World:

Christmas Carols: FS

Christmas In Puerto Rico: FSSC

The Christmas Story: FSSC

Christopher Mouse: FSRC

Martin The Shoemaker: FSSC

The Three Camels: S

When The Littlest Camel Knelt:

A/V Service

We wish to remind our users again that requests for A/V items should

reach the Conference Office at least ONE WEEK in advance. Also that the A/V Department is not open on Saturday. There is often someone in the office on Saturday, but if the Rymphs are on the field the office is closed. We also stress the importance of RETURNING THE VISUAL IMMEDIATELY as they are booked very closely. Your cooperation in these small matters will help the Conference to serve more efficiently.

Soil Stewardship

The sermon for an interdenominational Soil Conservation observance held at Topeka's Municipal auditorium on November 13 was given by the Rev. Terry Hodges of our Dover Church. The Rev. Ernest Huntzinger of Topeka Central led congregational singing and the Rev. Floyd Davidson of Seabrook gave the invocation. Special music was given by a city-wide chorus of negro young people.

New Dress

The Rev. Homer Marlatt of Haven reports that the parsonage has been given a new coat of white paint on the outside and new paper and freshly sanded floors on the inside; all accomplished thru volunteer labor,